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Fifth Sunday of Lent • April 10, 2011

Good News!

April 10, 2011

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

What did Lazarus say?

After all, he's the one at the center of the drama. Yet he's the one we never hear from in the entire Gospel story. We hear only that he came out of his tomb on Jesus' command, somehow walking while bound hand and feet and face. We can imagine the joy of his sisters, but how did he feel about the whole incident? Overjoyed? Stunned and confused? In pain? Upset at having the peace of death interrupted? Disbelieving? What does resurrection feel like physically and emotionally?

We don't get to hear Lazarus' perspective, but we've all had experiences with tombs. Though we haven't yet been buried in a physical tomb, most of us are emotionally entombed in some way even while physically alive and well—tombs of anger and resentment, tombs of grief, tombs of self-doubt and self-hatred, tombs of fear. And though they're not places of joy or delight, our self-created tombs can feel comfortable and safe. The thought of leaving them may seem more frightening than staying within their darkened walls.

Yet, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, can you hear his voice calling to you just as he called to Lazarus? Can you hear him speaking your name, saying, "Come out! Untie him! Unbind her! Go free!?" Jesus boldly claims that resurrection is not a far-off, distant event, but rather it is who he is. He is the resurrection and the life—the new life that awaits us once we respond to his voice by emerging from the tombs that entrap us.

We might be speechless like Lazarus; we might be shocked, scared, or confused. But Jesus is waiting just outside the rolled-back stone. Can you hear him? Go....take the first stumbling steps. New life awaits.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.; also by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK

April 9th and April 10th
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

USHERS GROUP III
Maintenance Collection
Coffee Social

SATURDAY, April 9:

3:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary
 4:00 p.m. Mass offered for **+GARY MARTIN** requested by Linda Lachapelle, and for **NICOLA MARATTA**, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Maratta
 After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, April 10:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for **+Sybil McCarthy** request of the Brady & Hauk Families
 After Mass Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 After Mass Coffee Social at Parish Center
 10:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+ARTHUR KEHL** request of the Robert Tucker family
 After Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal
 After Mass Coffee Social at Parish Center
 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (K-5) at Sacred Heart
 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours
 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6-8) and Confirmation Preparation Sessions at Sacred Heart
 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Youth Group at Sacred Heart

MONDAY, April 11: No Mass

7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, April 12:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+SUZANNE DOWER** request of Lynn Mancino
 After Mass Recitation of the Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting at Parish Center
 7:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, April 13:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+LEVI FOURNIER** request of Solange Fournier
 9:00 a.m. - Noon Fair Group Workshop at Parish Center
 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (1-5) at St. Maurice
 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (6-8) at St. Maurice

THURSDAY, April 14:

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for **+Arthur Kehl** request of Care & Share Ministry
 7:00 p.m. St. Maurice Knights of Columbus Business Meeting at Parish Center

FRIDAY, April 15:

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Fish Dinner Sponsored by St. Maurice Knights of Columbus
 7:00 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 16:

3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

NEXT WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Ushers Group IV
2ND COLLECTION - FOR THE POOR IN HAITI
EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY, April 16:

4:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Robert Gallant
Altar Servers: Elena Fiano, Catherine Fiano and Maria Cinea
Minister of the Word: Barbara Fiano
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, April 17:

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +James Moran
Altar Server:
Minister of the Word: Joel Cohan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Arlene Giglio
 10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Robert Rouleau & Michele Rio
Altar Servers: Ben VanDine and Elizabeth Foran
Minister of the Word: Charles Luchini
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Betty Aitkin
 5:30 **LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY, April 18 No Mass

TUESDAY, April 19

10:00 A.M. **CHRISM MASS AT ST PATRICK CATHEDRAL**
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, April 20

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for + Rolande and Clifford Mishio
 9:00 - noon Christmas Fair Workshop
NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
No Faith Formation Program

Stations of the Cross for children at 6:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m. Adult & Children Confessions

with Extra Priests:

HOLY THURSDAY April 21

10:00 a.m. Rehearsal for Holy Week Altar Servers
 7:00 p.m. **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
 Mass offered for +Kwiatkowski & Ostrowski families
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 12:00 Midnight

Altar Servers: Elena Fiano, Catherine Fiano and Maria Cinea
Minister of the Word: Barbara Fiano
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Linda Wiley

FRIDAY, April 22: GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. Service with Veneration of the Cross
Altar Servers: Ben, Ryan and Nicholas Van Dine
Minister of the Word: Lynn Mancino, Georgette Pelletier
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Lou Cloutier

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 Adoration of the Cross after Stations

Altar Servers: Angelica Czercowy and Alex Czercowy

SATURDAY, April 23

10:00 a.m. Blessing of Food
NO Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 P.M. - EASTER VIGIL

Mass offered for +Annita Detuccio
Altar Servers: Kaila and Kyle Toce
Ministers of the Word: Charles Luchini, Joel Cohan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Lou Cloutier, Georgette Pelletier, Annedda Stiller

IF YOU HAVE REQUESTED A MASS ON A SATURDAY OR A SUNDAY, PLEASE LET THE USHERS KNOW, BEFORE MASS, THAT YOU WOULD LIKE (OR NOT) TO BRING THE GIFTS UP TO THE ALTAR. ☺

GOD'S PLAN FOR TITHING

**April 10, 2011
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Last Week's Collection was: \$3,386
Last Year's Collection was: \$2,671**



And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." - Jn 11:43-44

Readings for the Week of April 10, 2011

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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MEN ON A MISSION

Men On A Mission, Free Men's Catholic Conference on April 30, 2011, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. Matthias Church, 317 Chesterfield Road, East Lyme, CT. Nationally known speaker Ralph Poyo, founder of New Evangelization Ministries. Go to the Diocesan website www.norwichdiocese.org, click on *The Office of Faith Events* for more information and registration form or call 860-848-2237 Ext 312.

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND CAREGIVERS OF ALL FAITHS will be celebrated in the **Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich, on Sunday, May 1, 2011, 9:00 a.m.** Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D. will be the Celebrant and Reverend Anthony P. Gruber will be the homilist. The featured speaker will be Anthony Alessi, M.D. The topic will be on Dr. Alessi's mission work in Haiti. The Chair of this event is Deacon Gerald Shaw, MD. The requested donation for breakfast is \$25.00. Health care workers of all faiths are invited. For further information call Monsignor Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

**SEASONAL SHARING
EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011 – NOON – PARISH CENTER**

Join us for sorting, packing, and delivery of food and other groceries to Bolton families in need. To donate, make your check payable to "St. Maurice Church" with the memo "Thanksgiving Food," and place in the regular collection or mail. Nonperishable items may be left in either vestibule any time that the Church is open; bring perishable items the morning of April 17th. For more information, or if you can make deliveries, contact Tom Manning at 860-647-1259.

CHILDREN'S MASS CELEBRATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.



**IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA
SURVIVOR OF THE
RWANDA HOLOCAUST**

Coming to St. Bartholomew Parish (Manchester) on Tuesday May 10th, NY Times best-selling author of *Left To Tell*, **Immaculee Ilibagiza**. She will tell her story of faith, love and forgiveness. Immaculee is a living example of faith put into action. Tickets are \$20 each; visit <http://www.stbartparish.org/> for more information.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

As Catholics, we are called upon once a year to share God's gifts with our brothers and sisters, especially those less fortunate, through our pledges to this special campaign. Your pledge is part of our parish's share of our responsibility to support the many ministries, services and programs that benefit our parishes, schools, and other diocesan institutions.

To most Catholics, the "Diocese" is perceived as a distant, remote entity, loosely linked to their parish community. The common expression "What does the Diocese do for me or for my parish?" indicates a general lack of understanding of the strong connection between parishes and the Diocese.

All parishes rely heavily on Diocesan programs and services for many things, both spiritual and administrative. An immediate example is the presence of priests that serve our parish. It's our diocese that trains and educates priests, and nurtures and promotes the priesthood and other vocations.

In addition, your generosity to the ACA allows us as a Diocesan family to reach out to the hungry and homeless, the sick and elderly, and many others who look to the Church for care, comfort and support. Because of you we, as a Diocesan Church, are able to make a daily difference in the lives of countless individuals, families and communities.

The ACA is an annual opportunity to practice stewardship and share our gifts, with those less fortunate. We are not an isolated church; we are not an isolated faith community. We are part of a greater Church. Our parish and our diocese are partners in faith. Please open your hearts to the needs of our greater faith community and make a generous pledge to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal.





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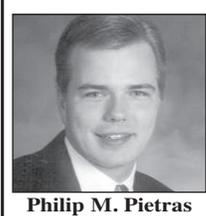
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